

Kowloon International Baptist Church
EASTER CELEBRATION
Sunday, April 16, 2017—10:30am at A.C. Hall

Video: “It’s Friday...but Sunday’s Coming”

Call to Worship: *Easter Alleluia*

Adult Choir

To God Be the Glory

Congregation

To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(chorus) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see.

I Will Sing of My Redeemer
Resurrection Victory

Adult Choir

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Welcome

Pastor Dr. James “Butch” Tanner

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

Congregation

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

(chorus) He is not dead, He is alive! We have this hope in Jesus Christ!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Crown Him (Majesty)

Congregation

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for me,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

(chorus) Majesty, Lord of all, let every throne before Him fall.
The King of Kings, oh come adore our God who reigns forevermore.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

All hail, Redeemer, hail, for He has died for me.
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
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Scripture Reading: John 11:25 (NLT)

Congregation

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never ever die."

Children's Message

Patrick Ho

Because He Lives

Congregation

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.

Offertory Prayer

Ken Choi

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music: *Resurrecting*

Praise Team

Message

"Triumphant Love"

Pastor Butch

Matthew 28:1-7 (sermon notes can be found on pages 9-11)

Jesus Paid It All (O Praise the One)

Congregation

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

(chorus 1) Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

(chorus 2) O praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead.

This is Amazing Grace

Congregation

Who breaks the pow'r of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless, in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

(chorus) This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You would lay down Your life, that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son or daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and worthy is the King who conquers the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, and worthy is the King who conquers the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy, worthy, worthy!

Closing Remarks

Pastor Butch

The Power of the Cross

Congregation

O to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love!

(chorus) This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

KIBC CCLI# 339706

Announcements

**The regular Sunday schedule will resume next week
at KIBC (300 Junction Road)**

9:15am—Worship and Bible Study for all ages

10:45am—Worship and Bible Study for all ages

12:15pm—Worship and Bible Study for all ages

KIBC Annual General Meeting: Sunday, April 30, 11:50am

Community Outreach Event—Friday, April 21, 6:00pm

Crosspoint University and Echo Youth groups will go to Sham Shui Po on Friday, April 21 to distribute care packages to the needy, and to talk and pray with them. Anyone can join us for this chance to serve the community and spread God's love! Meet at Sham Shui Po MTR, Exit B at 6pm. If you have any old clothes you can give away, please bring them. For more details, contact Timothy Yeung (6471-0030).

“Starting Point” Class—Sunday, April 23, 3-6pm

Have you ever wondered how to become a member of KIBC? Interested in being baptized? Are you new to KIBC and curious about what our church believes? Find the answers at our Starting Point Class, which will be held on April 23, 3-6pm. Childcare will be provided. To register, contact the church office (2337-2555 or llee@hkkibc.org).

KIBC Badminton Tournament—Sunday, April 30, 2-6pm

Register at the tables outside today after the service! Tournament is open to children, adult mixed doubles, and men’s and women’s doubles. Registration deadline: April 23. Event will take place from 2-6pm on April 30 at Wai Hang Sports Centre.

Evangelism Training at KIBC—Beginning in May

An Everyday Evangelism training course will be taught by Brent Merrifield at KIBC on Sunday afternoons, 2-4pm, beginning May 7 (lasting 8 weeks). For details or to sign up, contact Brent (9673-7147) or Lynne Bacani-Canezo (6770-6486).

Dragon Boat Festival—May 30, 12:00noon

Come join us for an exciting morning, cheering our Dragon Boat team! KIBC has entered the mixed medium boat race. Transportation will be arranged from KIBC to the venue, and a specially-designed t-shirt will be available for purchase soon. Also, we need more rowers! If you are able and interested, please email or Whatsapp James Lee: jameslee105@hotmail.com, 9831-4017.

April 9 Statistics:

KIBC Bible Study Attendance	298
KIBC Worship Attendance	660
KIBC Regular Offering Given	\$120,466
<i>KIBC Weekly Offering Needed</i>	<i>\$203,060</i>
KIBC Invest in Eternity Given	\$37,800
KIBC Invest in Eternity Gifts-to-Date	\$40,351,933
KIBC Invest in Eternity Current Balance	\$38,099,420
Tuen Mun Chapel Bible Study Attendance	30
Tuen Mun Chapel Worship Attendance	58

KIBC Staff

Dr. James “Butch” Tanner	Senior Pastor
Angie French	Minister of Music
Patrick Ho	Minister of Families and Children
Anthea Ma	Interim Children’s Coordinator
Maggie Chang	Pastoral Assistant to Cantonese Fellowship
Christie Lee	Music Assistant
Rodolfo Samaniego	Tuen Mun Chapel Pastor
Gladys Wong	Administrative Assistant
Lilian Lee	Office Secretary
Jennifer Poh	Pianist

Building Committee Update

We continue to give thanks to our God for His leading and provision. We especially want to thank you all for your prayers and words of encouragement that empower us in our endeavors.

Last December, our consultants submitted our latest revised building layout plans to the District Lands Office (DLO) for their land premium assessment exercise. This assessment involves DLO sending our plans to various government departments to seek their comments/support on how we intend to use the spaces within our proposed new 8-story church building. Based on these comments, DLO will in turn make an assessment of whether a land premium is chargeable for our proposed usage and, if so, estimate what that value should be.

Our consultants have advised that this process could take a further 7 months before we officially hear back from DLO, and that thereafter one round of appeal is not uncommon (which may take a further 4 months).

As we face these onerous procedures in the redevelopment planning process, we are often reminded of King Solomon's words, "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1).

We covet your prayers for this process, and thank you again for your faithful support in the building of KIBC, both spiritually and physically. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via the church office/email, or catch me in person.

Andy Wong
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You Can Know God

God loves you.

He created you and wants to have a personal relationship with you (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4-5).

Sin has separated you from God.

The Bible defines “sin” as choosing our will over God’s. We have each made this mistake (Romans 3:23). Our sins have now separated us from our holy God, and, because He cannot allow us into His perfect heaven, we are each destined for an eternity separated from God in hell (Revelation 19:11-15).

You cannot repair your broken relationship with God.

Many people think we can be good or religious enough to earn God’s forgiveness and go to heaven when we die. But the Bible teaches that the only payment for sin is death (Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:20).

Jesus died to pay the debt owed by your sins.

Jesus took our place on the cross and suffered the penalty we deserved. His death now makes it possible for a righteous God to forgive our sins and offer us salvation (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24).

You must receive the gift he died to give.

Now you must choose to trust in what Jesus has done for you, rather than trusting in your own efforts to restore your relationship with God. Confess your sins and mistakes to God, and choose to live by God’s word and will. Decide that you will make Jesus the Lord and Master of your life.

How can you make this decision?

Through prayer (talking to God) you can meet Jesus today. There is no single prayer you must pray to become a Christian, no magic formula. But the following words are one way to trust Christ as Lord. If you pray them with the sincere commitment of your heart and life, you will meet Jesus personally and live for Him as your Lord.

Dear God,

Thank You for loving me. Thank You that Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins and failures. I admit to You that I am a sinner, that I need You to save me. I ask You to forgive me for my sins. I turn from them now. I invite Jesus into my life as my Savior and Lord. I turn my life over to Him. I will live for Him as long as I live. Thank You for giving me eternal life and making me a child of God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer for the first time today, please tell someone about your decision. Christianity cannot be lived alone. Share your new faith with someone you trust, and with a church where you can grow in your commitment to Christ. If we can support your faith, please contact us: 2337-2555 or office@hkkibc.org. We want to help you follow Jesus today.

Five Ways to Become a Member of KIBC

1. Profession of Faith and Baptism

Profession of faith occurs when you turn from a self-controlled life and surrender to allow Jesus to control your life. You commit to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Then you publicly display your faith through baptism by immersion.

2. Letter

Uniting with KIBC by Letter means you are already a member in a Baptist Church based on a prior profession of faith and baptism by immersion. When coming by Letter, KIBC will request another Baptist Church to send a letter affirming your membership there.

3. Statement

If you are coming to join KIBC from a church with “like” doctrinal beliefs, have made a public profession of faith, and been baptized by immersion as a witness of that faith, you will be accepted into membership by Statement.

4. Associate Member

If you desire to retain membership in another Baptist Church located in another country, you may join KIBC as an associate member provided you have made a personal profession of faith and been baptized by immersion. You will be a nonvoting member of KIBC.

5. Watchcare

If you are a Christian from a different church denomination in another country and want to retain that church affiliation, and at the same time during your stay in Hong Kong want to be identified with the KIBC church family you may be identified as a Watchcare member. You will be a nonvoting member of KIBC.

If you wish to unite with KIBC in one of these ways, please fill out a response card (inserted into this program) and hand it to the Pastor, a church staff member, or an usher. You may also place the form in the church offering bag or bring it to the Pastor during the hymn which is sung at the conclusion of the Pastor’s sermon.

Note: all are welcome to attend the “Starting Point” class at KIBC on Sunday, April 23, 3-6pm, to learn how to become a member of KIBC. Contact the Church Office (2337-2555 or llee@hkkibc.org) to sign up for the class.

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Triumphant Love
Matthew 28:1-7

Sermon Notes
Dr. James “Butch” Tanner

Matthew 28:1-7 (NASB)—Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”

Jesus’ determined love led to the ultimate sacrifice and then revealed the greatest triumph ever known. He arose from the dead. The Lord exhibited authority and power. However, today there are some who question whether the event is even real. Let’s look at four questions to see if we can better understand the event of the resurrection.

To have a clear understanding of the resurrection you need to know:

1. Did Jesus really _____?

Documents offering evidence of Jesus’ death:

Writer	Position	Approximate Date
Matthew	Disciple, eyewitness	40-60 A.D.
Mark	Disciple, eyewitness	45-60 A.D.
Luke	Disciple, eyewitness	57-62 A.D.
John	Disciple, eyewitness	55-65 A.D.
Paul	Apostle, eyewitness	50-58 A.D.
Peter	Disciple, eyewitness	61-64 A.D.
Author of Hebrews	May be Luke	60-67 A.D.
Cornelius Tacitus	Roman historian	55-120 A.D.
Flavius Josephus	Jewish historian	37-97 A.D.
The Jewish Talmud	Jewish writings	70-200 A.D.
Mara Bar-Seripion of Syria	Prisoner writing son	about 70 A.D.
Lucian of Somosata	Greek satirist	100-200 A.D.

Mark 15:43-45 (NASB)—Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead. And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

Flavius Josephus (37-97 AD), court historian for Emperor Vespasian: “At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good and he was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die.”

2. Do we have _____ that actually confirm the resurrection?

Creed of Early Church: written 3-6 years after the resurrection of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:3-6 (NASB)—For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

What do we learn by this creed?

1. Jesus _____.
2. Jesus was _____.
3. Jesus was _____ on the third day.
4. Jesus _____ in physical bodily form to multiple people.

3. Do we actually have evidence of an _____?

Jewish Response:

Roman Response:

All four Gospels: Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-10, John 20:1-8

4. Do _____ reports confirm the resurrection?

Acts 2:32, 3:15, 4:18-20, 5:30-32, 10:39-40, 1 Peter 5:1, 2 Peter 1:16, John 20:24-30, 1 John 1:1-2, Luke 1:1-2, Hebrews 2:3-4

Acts 26:24-29 (NASB)—While Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad.” But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth. For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do.” Agrippa replied to Paul, “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.” And Paul said, “I would wish to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains.”

Do you see how brave, almost brash, Paul is? He not only boldly witnesses to the king and the governor, but he has the audacity to tell the king that he already knows Paul is telling the truth! Why is Paul so confident of this? Because the events of Christianity were “not done in a corner.” They were common knowledge and surely had not “escaped [the king’s] notice.” Imagine a defendant challenging a ruler or judge in that way! Such a witness must know that the events he describes are well-known.

Norman Geisler, *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*.



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